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Baden.

1. On 21 February 1951, a radio tower, about 10 meters high, was seen in front of a building at the intersection of Braunstrasse and Muehlgasse, Baden (O 49/X 37). From its top three wires were strung to the roof of the buildings with three or four leads-in running from each wire into the building. Truck 50X1-HUM and passenger car 50X1-HUM were parked in the large garden of the building. A wooden shed there could shelter about 10 trucks. (1)

Traiskirchen.

3. The former Bundeserziehungsanstalt (federal boarding school) in Traiskirchen (O 49/X 37) was still occupied by Soviet troops on 21 February. Platoons of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying rifles and cardboard targets were observed marching between the billeting area and the drill field. Thirteen officers, including two majors, were seen at the installation during a two hour period. Trucks 50X1-HUM entered or left the installation. They were driven by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Twenty officers with a major as the ranking officer were seen in a building opposite the Bundeserziehungsanstalt. They wore red-bordered black epaulets, except for six lieutenants who wore black-bordered black epaulets. 50X1-HUM

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4. On 21 February a platoon of signalmen wearing black-bordered black epaulets moved into the Tribuswinkel (O 49/X 36) Castle, coming from the direction of Baden. The soldiers carried signal equipment for the construction of lines. 50X1-HUM

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Bad Fischau.

5. On Red Army Day, 23 February, 20 officers and about 150 EM wearing black-bordered red epaulets assembled in the yard of the barracks installation in Bad Fischau (O 48/X 34). [redacted] about 20 trucks parked in the billeting area [redacted]
6. Four tank trucks were again seen in the garage near the railroad station. Sentries there wore black-bordered red epaulets.
7. Six officers wearing black-bordered red epaulets, and eight officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen at the Bad Fischau railroad station. The ranking officer was a captain. (4)

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Wiener Neustadt.

8. About 30 unarmed soldiers, apparently all wearing black-bordered red epaulets, were drilling in the yard of the Artillerie Kaserne on Fischauerstrasse, Wiener Neustadt (O 48/X 34), on 22 February. Most of the soldiers seen at the barracks windows wore black-bordered red epaulets, and some red-bordered black epaulets. Sixteen trucks were observed in the billeting area.

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Comments.

- (1) The building is [redacted] located just north-east of the intersection of Braunstrasse and Muehlgasse, in the eastern sector of Baden, in the area between the railroad line to Vienna and the race track.

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- (2) The former Bundeserziehungsanstalt is believed to quarter elements of the 13th Gds Mecz Div.

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- (4) The occupation of the barracks installation in Bad Fischau has not been determined. The 20 officers and 150 EM assembling there on Red Army Day probably constituted the entire occupation of the installation. It is possible that the unit there is a component of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div.
- (5) There are vague indications that another component unit of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div may be stationed in the Artillerie Kaserne.

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